

Mr. W. H. NORRIS.

Correspondence for New Zealand and the Straits.

A considerable amount of Correspondence being received directed to New Zealand and the Straits it is notified that the 'New Zealand Post Office has declined to receive Mail by that route, hence there is no alternative but to forward such Correspondence via Gallic.

Persons who are anxious to avail themselves of the Torres Straits Steamers to communicate with New Zealand should address their letters to, to the care of an Agent at Sydney.

There is a common belief in the existence of a Parcel Post by which such articles as Earthenware, China, Glass, Snuff, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth, &c., can be forwarded at low rates. It cannot be too distinctly stated that such things can only be sent in Packages, and the most convenient mode of forwarding them is by a Private Steamer. All such packages should be Registered (8 cents). If the Parcel be heavy it can be sent through one of the Parcel Expresses conducted by Messrs. LANE, OSBORN, & CO. Mr. W. H. NORRIS, who, anything over 5 or 6 ounces, will be found cheaper than the Post.

The rates of postage which must be paid in advance, payable on Packets of printed matter or patterns of light weight sent in Hongkong to the United Kingdom by the United States. Packets via San Francisco, &c., as follows, viz:

For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce	1 cent
in weight	2 cents
For a packet above 1 ounce not exceeding 2 ounces	4 "
For a packet above 2 ounces not exceeding 4 ounces	8 "
For a packet above 4 ounces not exceeding 8 ounces	8 "
and eight cents for every additional four ounces.	

These rates apply to Printed Circulars, Letters, Tracts, Reports, and all printed matter, other than Newspapers, as well as to Books and Trade Patterns, or Samples.

His Excellency Governor Sir ARTHUR BURNARD KENNEDY, K.M.G., C.B., is pleased to announce that the 'New Zealand Post Office' (including those notified on the instant,) is published for general information in the following table:

Letters	18.
France and Algeria, &c., Brindisi, &c.	18 per cent.
Brass, Registration, &c.	18.
By FRENCH PACKET.	
Continents of Europe (France excepted)	18 per cent.
Aden, Ceylon, India, Pondicherry, Saigon	18 per cent.
Spain and Portugal	12 per cent.
China, Japan, &c.	12 per cent.

These are all the charges hitherto and in the Table of Rates dated the last instant, and must be regarded as superseding that Table far as they apply.

